



TO: Friends of DIDD

FROM: Dr. Thomas Cheetham, Director of the Office of Health Services

DATE: July 20, 2012

RE: DIDD Strategic Health Plan

The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Office of Health Services is in the early stages of developing a strategic plan for reaching optimal health for Tennesseans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and **wants your suggestions**.

As noted in our vision, through person centered practices, DIDD wants persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to experience optimal health as a cornerstone for a fulfilling and rewarding life. We have historical information and current research on health issues to guide us, but want to hear about your relevant issues and program ideas to help us plan services into the future.

In regards to clinical services and health issues, DIDD asks for your feedback on:

- ~ Clinically, who is doing what, where, why, and with whom?
- ~ What are the health needs of the population we currently serve?
- ~ What are the health needs of those who are in need of services?
- ~ What health service gaps exist?
- ~ What health services are working well?
- ~ What health services need adjusting or need to be added?
- ~ Ideas on how to make health service delivery more efficient and effective.

Please send your comments and suggestions to me by August 10, 2012 via email at Thomas.Cheetham@tn.gov or fax at 615-532-9940.

Thank you very much for your input on this important effort.